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**MEMORANDUM TO: JUDGES, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURTS
CLERKS, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURTS
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SUBJECT: Amended Official Bankruptcy Forms to Become Effective December 1,
2001 **(INFORMATION)**

The Judicial Conference has approved amendments to two Official Bankruptcy Forms and, further, has approved a delayed effective date for the amended forms of December 1, 2001. The forms that are amended are Official Form 1, Voluntary Petition, and Official Form 15, Order Confirming a Plan. Rule 9009 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure authorizes the Judicial Conference to prescribe official forms which "shall be observed and used." The delay in effective date will give forms publishers and bankruptcy software vendors sufficient time to produce and distribute the new forms for parties and their attorneys to use starting December 1. Copies of the amended forms are attached.

Official Form 1, the Voluntary Petition, has been amended to require the debtor to disclose whether the debtor owns or has possession of any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public health or safety. If any such property exists, the debtor must complete and attach Exhibit "C" describing the property, its location, and the potential danger it poses. Exhibit "C" will alert the United States trustee and any person selected as trustee that immediate precautionary action may be necessary.

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| Voluntary Petition <i>(This page must be completed and filed in every case)</i> | | Name of Debtor(s): | |
| Prior Bankruptcy Case Filed Within Last 6 Years (If more than one, attach additional sheet) | | | |
| Location Where Filed: | | Case Number: | Date Filed: |
| Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner or Affiliate of this Debtor (If more than one, attach additional sheet) | | | |
| Name of Debtor: | | Case Number: | Date Filed: |
| District: | | Relationship: | Judge: |

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| <h2 style="margin: 0;">Signatures</h2> | |
| <p>Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint)</p> <p>I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.</p> <p>[If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7.</p> <p>I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.</p> <p>X _____ Signature of Debtor</p> <p>X _____ Signature of Joint Debtor</p> <p>_____ Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney)</p> <p>_____ Date</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Exhibit A</p> <p>(To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Exhibit B</p> <p>(To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts)</p> <p>I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter.</p> <p>X _____ Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) Date</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Exhibit C</p> <p>Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public health or safety?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition. <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Signature of Attorney</p> <p>X _____ Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)</p> <p>_____ Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s)</p> <p>_____ Firm Name</p> <p>_____ Address</p> <p>_____ Telephone Number</p> <p>_____ Date</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Signature of Non-Attorney Petition Preparer</p> <p>I certify that I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110, that I prepared this document for compensation, and that I have provided the debtor with a copy of this document.</p> <p>_____ Printed Name of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer</p> <p>_____ Social Security Number</p> <p>_____ Address</p> <p>_____ Names and Social Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document:</p> <p>If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.</p> <p>X _____ Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer</p> <p>_____ Date</p> <p>A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both 11 U.S.C. §110; 18 U.S.C. §156.</p> |
| <p>Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership)</p> <p>I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.</p> <p>The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.</p> <p>X _____ Signature of Authorized Individual</p> <p>_____ Printed Name of Authorized Individual</p> <p>_____ Title of Authorized Individual</p> <p>_____ Date</p> | |

Exhibit "C"

[If, to the best of the debtor's knowledge, the debtor owns or has possession of property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to the public health or safety, attach this Exhibit "C" to the petition.]

[Caption as in Form 16B]

Exhibit "C" to Voluntary Petition

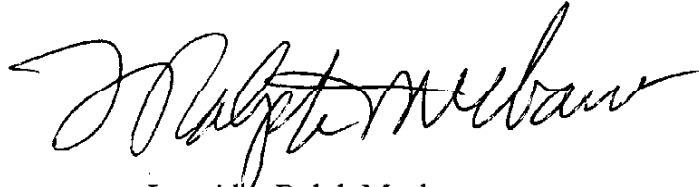
1. Identify and briefly describe all real or personal property owned by or in possession of the debtor that, to the best of the debtor's knowledge, poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to the public health or safety (attach additional sheets if necessary):

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2. With respect to each parcel of real property or item of personal property identified in question 1, describe the nature and location of the dangerous condition, whether environmental or otherwise, that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to the public health or safety (attach additional sheets if necessary):

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Official Form 15, the Order Confirming a Plan, was amended to conform to amendments to Rule 3020 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure which also are expected to become effective December 1, 2001. Those amendments will require that, if the plan provides for an injunction against conduct not otherwise enjoined under the Bankruptcy Code, the order of confirmation shall describe in reasonable detail all acts enjoined, be specific regarding the injunction, and identify the entities subject to the injunction.



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Attachments